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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

SUBJECT: REPORT THAT GVN MAY CONVENE "PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY"

1. EMBOFF WAS TOLD MORNING OF OCT 28 BY BUDDHIST OPPOSITION DEPUTY NGUYEN TRONG NHO THAT HE BELIEVES GVN MAY CONVENE A "PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY" (DAI HOI DAN TOC) BEFORE OCT 31 TO SEEK THE BROADEST AND MOST VISIBLE POSSIBLE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE GVN POSITION ON A PEACE SETTLEMENT.

2. ASKED BY AN EMBOFF CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A MOVE, ADMINISTRATION INIMATE SENATOR NGUYEN VAN NGAI WAS SEILENT, BUT HIS MANNER APPEARED TO INDICATE KNOWLEDGE THAT SUCH A PLAN IS UNDER CONSIDERATION. NGAI ASKED WHAT THE EMBOFF THOUGHT OF SUCH A MEETING. THE EMBOFF REPLIED THAT IT IS VITAL AT THIS JUNCTURE THAT THE GVN AND THE US WORK IN HARMONY TOWARD GENUINE PEACE. NGAI REPLIED "I QUITE AGREE." GDSBUNKER

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

SUBJECT: PROVINCE AND CITY COUNCILMEN RESOLVE TO OPPOSE
AND POLITICAL SOLUTION UNFAVORABLE

REF: SAIGON 15409

1. ACCORDING TO SEMI-OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS, OVER 440 COUNCIL-
MEN FROM THE SAIGON, PROVINCIAL AND CITY COUNCILS MET IN SAIGON
ON OCT 27 AND ADOPTED A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A POLITICAL SOLUTION
IN SOUTH VIETNAM. FOLLOWING ARE SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF THE VIET-
NAM PRESS ACCOUNT:

2. IN THE RESOLUTION, THE COUNCLMEN DECLARED THAT THE NORTH
VEITNAMESE COMMUNISTS, WITH THE APPROVAL OF INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNISTS, HAD VIOLATED THE 1954 GENEVA AGREEMENTS THROUGH
THEIR INVASION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAM-
BODIA. BUT THE COMMUNISTS WERE THWARTED BY THE SOUTH VIET-NAMESE
PEOPLE. SUFFERING HEAVY CASUALTIES MILITARILY, THE COM-
MUNISTS HAD WORKED WITH COLONIALISTS IN AN ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER
SOUTH VIETNAM THROUGH POLITICAL SOLUTIONS.

THE RESOLUTION REJECTED EVERY PREFABRICATED SOLUTION. IMPOSED

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ON SOUTH VIETNAM AND OPPOSED ANY FORM OF THE TRIPARTITE GOVERNMENT FORMULA SUGGESTED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS.

ANY POLITICAL SOLUTION FOR SOUTH VIETNAMESE ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTION, MUST BE DECIDED BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE THEMSELVES. A CEASEFIRE, IF ANY, MUST BE REALIZED FOR ALL OF INDOCHINA UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION.

THE RESOLUTION LAID STRESS ON THE COUNCILMEN'S RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE PRESENT NATIONAL JUNCTURE AND APPEALED TO ALL OF THEM TO COSE THEIR RANKS TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVELY ERADICATE COMMUNIST INFRASTRUCTURES AND TO GUIDE THE PEOPLE IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS IN THE COMING DAYS. BUNKER

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